

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. Apparatus for securing the covers of an expandable book, comprising:
a book having a front and back cover; and,
a spring-loaded strap having a distal end secured to said back cover and a proximal end releasably securable to said front cover, said strap adapted to overlie the aperture formed by said covers to secure said covers together.
2. The apparatus of Claim 1, wherein said strap includes an elastic member secured at the proximal end to the distal portion of said strap and at a distal end thereof to said back cover.
3. The apparatus of Claim 1, wherein said back cover includes a backing member and a covering having a slot therein, and wherein said strap extends through said slot, said slot slidably restraining said strap.
4. The apparatus of Claim 3, wherein said strap includes a detent at the distal end thereof, said detent co-acting with said slot to limit the movement of the distal end of said strap.
5. The apparatus of Claim 4, wherein said detent is T-shaped.
6. The apparatus of Claim 1, wherein said elastic member includes a web.

7. The apparatus of Claim 6, wherein said web is secured to the distal end of said strap.

8. The apparatus of Claim 7, wherein said web is secured to the distal end of said strap by double stitching.

9. The apparatus of Claim 1, wherein said strap is unextensible such that said strap is extensible only by the spring loading thereof.

10. A method for securing together the covers of an expandable book, comprising the step of:

providing a spring-loaded strap having a distal end secured to a back cover of the book and a proximal end releasably attachable to the front cover of the book, the spring loading permitting extension of the strap to accommodate expansion of the book.

11. The method of Claim 10, and further including the step of hiding the spring-loading portion of the strap when the strap is extended.

12. The method of Claim 11, wherein the back cover of the book is provided with a slot through which the strap extends.

13. The method of Claim 12, wherein the back cover of the book covers the spring-loaded portion of the strap.

14. The method of Claim 13, wherein the spring-loaded portion of the strap is prevented from exiting the slot.

15. A CD holder comprising:

an expandable book having leaves therein provided with CD receiving pockets, said book having front and back covers; and,

a spring-loaded strap having a distal end secured to said back cover and a proximal end releasably securable to said front cover, said strap adapted to overlie the aperture formed by said covers to secure said covers together.

16. The CD holder of Claim 15, wherein said strap includes an elastic member at said distal end.